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MOSTLY PERSONAL

Asa Blair is ill at his home on Brong Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Blair were visiting in Sandy Hook Sunday.

Mrs. Ella Ruth Elam is back at work after several weeks' illness.

Mrs. D. L. Price and Miss Helen Stacy were in Lexington Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Long attended the inauguration ceremonies at Frankfort last week.

Pauline Noble, Floris Cox, Betty Carter, Mrs. Nellie Byrne were shopping in Lexington Saturday.

W. H. Childers, Mr. and Mrs. William Childers of Salsersville visited with relatives here Sunday.

Mrs. William Harold Nickell is able to teach again after several weeks' illness with pneumonia.

Mrs. Jay Burton, Miss Ruth McKenzie and Charles Burton were in Lexington Monday on business.

Misses Virginia Nickell and Ella Turner, and Coy Hibbard and Wendell Nickell were at Natural Bridge Sunday.

Mrs. George Cook of Ghent came in on the bus to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gullett.

Helen Stacy and Billy Keeton of Wesleyan college, Winchester, are spending their Christmas vacation at their homes here.

Mrs. W. H. Childers visited with her daughters, Mrs. Ella Ruth Elam, and Mrs. Monk Gilliam several days the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Katherine Lewis will leave Friday for New York where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Charles Rees, during Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Mathis of Buoy were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Turner where they visited their little daughter, Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfred L. Carpenter had as dinner guests Sunday Miss Elizabeth Carpenter of Woodbend, Miss Helen Stacy and Herbert Wells.

Commencing today the days have quit getting shorter, and will soon be picking up a little more daylight each day until we have summer back.

Ruth McKenzie, Arnold McKenzie, Billy, Henry and Major Gardner of University of Kentucky are with their parents for three weeks' Christmas vacation.

Judge C. P. Henry and Attorney Ren F. Nickell had business in Frankfort Tuesday. They came back by way of Flemingsburg to attend A. P. Plumer Day.

Mrs. Winalee Gentry of Jackson, Michigan, and daughters, Winalee and Harriett, of Nashville, Tennessee, visited several days with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Hattie Baldwin.

Work on the new Commercial Bank building is nearing completion. The remodeling and addition took longer than expected but there is plenty to show for the added time taken in the building.

Mr. and Mrs. William Oakley of Ashmore, Ill., their son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Oakley, of Kankakee, Ill., and their daughter, Mrs. Paul McDonald, of Watseka, Ill., visited Mrs. William Oakley's nieces, Mrs. Henry Wheeler and Mrs. C. P. Henry, over the week end.

Among those that attended Plumer Day at Flemingsburg were Mr. and Mrs. Jim Tackett, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Yeadway, Oscar and Earl Pelton, Helen Stacy, Elizabeth Cochran, Bob Elam, Mrs. C. P. Henry, Bob Halsey, Herbert Fannin and Betty Meadows.

Asa Blair went to Lexington Sunday to meet his daughter, Mrs. Caroline, of Berea college, and William Allen, of Memphis, Tennessee, who will spend their Christmas vacation at home. Asa also accompanied them home to be with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Gullett.

AMERICAN KICKERS

All loyal Americans appear to have gotten together in opposition to Russia and its methods since that country invaded Poland and Finland. From the amount of noise made about the Communists one would hardly suspect that they polled only 80 thousand votes in the United States in the last presidential election. However, the present investigation of the National Labor Relations Board seems to be full of dynamite, and shows how the influence of Communism has impeded true progress. This fact has been known in connection with subversive activities in the labor troubles on the West Coast. It is more reasonable to suppose that growth of radical and red tendencies in our country is traceable to internal conditions that have grown out of prolonged poverty among a part of our people, since Americans are not apt to believe in the Russian "revolutions." Russia's war record of the past few months will serve as a warning to Americans that they want no truck with such doctrines. They'll have to find other reasons than Russian-tainted ones if they are to keep growing. They have always kicked when anything interfered with their efforts to make a decent living, but there hasn't been much evidence that the Russian Communistic doctrine has gained many new converts.

The American kickers don't usually kick unless they have a kick coming, but that does not imply that they have sympathies with Russian Communism.

We Americans always have to find new and harsh names to call our minorities. In turn they have been called anarchists, socialists, IWW's—and now they are called Communists. The Federal records and studies show that they are the same old kickers under new names and are composed largely of misguided people who are groping in the dark hoping to find something better for themselves and families. The Communists are a different breed, and they are being hunted down.

Everett Tyre is much improved and getting out some now.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Quayle moved Monday from Flat Woods to Bayes addition.

The Telephone Exchange will be closed Christmas Day from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. A. P. Gullett, son Asa and Mrs. S. D. Gullett had business in Lexington Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin on South Water street are putting in a bath room and remodeling their home.

The Morehead students of West Liberty and other sections of the county will be home for the holiday season.

Mrs. Grace Wright of West Liberty and her sister, Mrs. Claud Stacy, of Stacy Fork spent the week end together at Malone with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allison DeBorde.

F. H. Byars spent the week end with his parents at Smithville, Tenn., returning Sunday. Mrs. Byars' brother, Clayton Templeton, of Jasper, Tenn., returned with him for a few days visit.

Mrs. Lelah Genson's brother, Jesse Hadley, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and her nephew, Carl Genson of Toledo, Ohio, visited her a few days the last of the week. Her son, Earl, returned home for a few weeks' visit.

Russell Baldwin took his great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Womack, back to their home in Wilmore Tuesday. Mr. Womack is ninety years old and Mrs. Womack is eighty-six. They are both healthy and active.

Auty McClain is putting up a thirty foot addition to the back of his store room occupied by Blair's Department store. There will be an archway between the old and new parts adding much to the appearance of the store as well as giving needed space for goods.

Gordon Adkins and his sister, Mrs. Will Wells, took their sister, Mrs. Hobart Scott, of Parkersburg, W. Va., as far as Huntington, West Virginia, on her way home Tuesday. Mrs. Scott had been visiting here and another brother at White Oak in Elliott county.

SURPRISE

It so happens that two of our prominent citizens were born some years ago the same day of the same month and almost the same year. Just sixty-six years ago a wise old stork dropped into a fond mother's arms a ruddy infant to be coddled and loved. Just one year later another fond mother clasped to her bosom, as this same stork hurried past, a lovely little son to be loved, taught and trained.

The years rolled by. Each child romped with other children, attended Sunday school, tried the teachers' patience at school, put on knowledge and wisdom and finally reached manhood. Both having Christian parents of industry and thrift, they, each in his own community, began to make his mark.

Now they both are prominent business men, honorable citizens, yes, and members of the same church in West Liberty.

The one had a beautiful daughter; the other a handsome step-son. Both were accomplished and interested in the affairs of the community. Well, they decided to join hands for life.

Mrs. Floyd Arnett learned of these two baby boys born more than one-half century ago. She put up a Christmas tree and made it lovely with decorations. Soon the whole house looked beautiful in Christmas colors. Sunday, December 17, a bounteous feast was spread. The beautiful daughter and handsome son with their son drove in from Lexington. She then asked Mrs. McClain to escort Auty and she escorted Floyd to the dining room.

All were delighted with the lovely surprise which she had planned for them.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

As Mrs. Baldwin's daughter, Mrs. H. L. Gentry, of Jackson, Michigan, could not be here for Christmas, Mrs. Baldwin arranged to have her annual Christmas dinner for her relatives and roomers on Sunday. Mrs. Gentry brought her two daughters from the Ward Belmont school, Nashville, Tennessee, and spent the week end with her mother, then took them on to Michigan to have Christmas with their father and brother. She also brought with her from Wilmore her great uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Womack, to enjoy Mrs. Baldwin's Christmas dinner.

Mrs. Baldwin had a lovely 12 o'clock turkey dinner with all its trimmings. She placed small tables all over the house. Dinner was served buffet style. They took their well-filled plates and were seated at the tables. Coffee and the dessert were served at the tables.

Mrs. Baldwin had a beautiful Christmas tree with the colored electric lights. The whole house was lovely decorated in the Christmas colors. There was joy and happy fellowship every where. The guests were so comfortable, free and informal that to partake of the feast was a real pleasure, and it was a feast.

The following were the guests:

Mrs. H. L. Gentry, Winalee and Harriett Gentry, Jackson, Mich.; Judge and Mrs. N. P. Womack, Wilmore; Mr. and Mrs. J. Drexel Moore and children, Jenalee and Jimmie, Paintsville; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taulbee and daughter, Margaret Mae, Paintsville; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr Rose and son, Herbert Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Seitz Rose and children, Homer Burr, Herold and Bobby Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cole, Mrs. Ada Cochran, Mary Elizabeth Cochran, Jack Cochran, Russell Baldwin, Mrs. S. R. Collier, Dr. W. L. Wright, Hazel Edwards, Delmar Williams all of West Liberty.

Mrs. Lizzie Brown assisted Mrs. Baldwin with dinner.

Many remained for the evening lunch. Mrs. Olive Kapes of Hitchens and Mrs. Katherine Lewis, also enjoyed lunch with Mrs. Baldwin.

UNIVERSITY TOYS

More than 50 Morgan county rural children will receive toys made by the Homecrafters Club of Lexington, Ky., as a result of plans perfected by the University of Kentucky to distribute these toys through eight of their eastern Kentucky Radio Listening Centers. Almost 500 toys were made by the Homecrafters this year for the distribution.

In Morgan county, the toys will be distributed by Lucien M. Nickell, Payton, who supervises the University's Listening Center there.

Centers receiving the toys this year are located in Knott, Letcher, Breathitt, Morgan, and Leslie counties.

AUTO TRAFFIC



By Eastern Kentucky Automobile Club

CLUB'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

Along with industry and other business we present to Eastern Kentucky our Christmas gift, a fulfillment of the pledge made to her at the beginning of the year 1939—"Our sincere and best efforts for the growth and betterment of Eastern Kentucky."

The beautiful, spacious and new Club Headquarters proves that effort has been made to bring Eastern Kentucky along beside, and even above some of the other territories of her size. The new headquarters have been praised highly and found great favor with not only our own residents but those who have come to Eastern Kentucky for pleasure and business. The new equipment has been a great assistance in serving our own motorists and also those from outside the state. There have been numbers of parties who, for the first time, have found Eastern Kentucky to be an alluring, beautiful and interesting place for touring through information and literature furnished them by Eastern Kentucky's Automobile Club.

No better Christmas gift could be given than the life of one child saved.

We cannot say there would have been fatalities without the safety program that is carried on throughout the fourteen counties served by the Club but it is such a grand feeling of relief to parents to know that their children are daily being guided by trained school patrolmen across hazardous highways and streets and that the other rules of safety are being gradually but thoroughly imbedded in the minds of youngsters from the time they start to school until they have finished. From programs of safety like this and the fine cooperation that is given so graciously by the schools, Eastern Kentucky's citizens of tomorrow cannot help but be "safety minded."

It has indeed been a pleasure to compliment many motorists this holiday season with a Christmas package containing all the protections and services of an AAA membership. If you are one of the more fortunate ones to receive this year-round gift, please bear in mind that a bond of friendship has been established between the giver and you, cemented by the protection of a Guardian Angel, one that will be with you in the hour of need, either in the form of a garage mechanic, or a bondsman; one that will hover over you through the entire year with a wide wing-spread of coverage and assistance in the event of an accident.

Besides the maintenance of the many departments of the Club and the new ones added during the past year, we shall endeavor to establish even more ways and means whereby we can serve Eastern Kentucky in a better and larger manner than ever before.

It is with the deepest appreciation for your support that we extend to YOU, motorists of Eastern Kentucky, a VERY, VERY, MERRY CHRISTMAS!

BIRTHDAY SURPRISE

For the seventh of December, Paul Hanson decided to have a little surprise for his wife on her birthday. With her sister, Miss Nell Helton, to help plan and manage the affair, it was a grand success.

They had an angel food cake, which Paul himself decorated in letters and rose buds. They had chicken with all its trimmings.

Mrs. Hanson came in "hungry as a bear," but they kept her out of the dining room until every thing was on the table, telling her the biscuit were not done. The table was one sight to behold. When Mrs. Hanson stood in the door she could but gaze.

However, her appetite left her only for a moment. There was joy in the air and it was contagious. The dinner was so appetizing and so daintily served it was soon apparent that she was quite an epicure.

Others enjoying the occasion were her sister, Stella, her grandmother and Dr. Nickell.

There were several beautiful gifts another surprise.

Joe Caudill of Jackson college is home for Christmas with home folks.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Spelling is logical only to good spellers.

Miracles are but the reflection of the ignorance of man.

An honorary college degree is about as worthless as an old hat.

Sometimes we wonder if Stalin knows where he is taking Russia.

Thinking people talk little because they have something else to do.

A Christian is an individual whose life does not misinterpret his religion.

It is remarkable that somebody does not renounce good old Santa Claus.

International isolation is a costly national policy in more ways than one.

One trouble with the world is the number of people who are "almost persuaded."

Democracy can only offer citizenship equality before the law and in the economic realm.

Beware of the philosopher who proclaims the discovery of truth; he's probably a liar!

There are people in West Liberty who do not realize that, after all, Christmas is a religious holiday.

You may think that you are superior to the human race, to which you belong; you are, however, wrong.

It takes a lot of law for a learned judge to declare that a statute is unconstitutional because it is unreasonable.

Many a football star will find out, next June, that there are hard-headed business men who do not read the sports pages.

It is amusing to hear a business man, who enjoys a monopoly under the law, objecting to governmental interference with business.

Every child in Morgan county would have a happy Christmas if every adult in Morgan county would share the Christmas spirit.

Confidentially, this editor doesn't care whether you agree with him or not; incidentally, the truth manages to get around regardless of editors and disputants.

There are people in the United States who make a business of spreading what is known as "hokey" because there are millions of people in the United States who fall for it.

SEWING CIRCLE MEETING

The Cannel City Church of God Sewing Circle met Friday, December 15, with Mrs. Lonnie Patrick. Present for this delightful occasion were Mrs. Chalmers Benton, Mrs. Velmar Benton, Mrs. M. G. Dunigan, Miss Gladys Benton, Mrs. Cleve Stacy, Mrs. Russell Bailey, Mrs. M. H. Ferguson, Mrs. Lonnie Patrick, Mrs. J. W. Benton, Mrs. W. R. Patrick, Mrs. J. D. Benton, Mrs. Arnold Patrick, Mrs. Marcum Bach, Miss Otta Mae Combs, Mrs. Arthur Gathman, Mrs. W. J. Terrell, Miss Rebecca Spencer, Miss Oma Zornes, Mrs. Willard Benton, Mrs. Clyde Wells, Billy Benton, Phyllis Ann Bach, Coleen Patrick, Miriam Gathman, Dalmus Benton and Mrs. Francis Benton.

The devotional exercise was opened by singing, "Silent Night." The hostess read for a Scripture lesson the 2nd chapter of Luke. Mrs. Russell Bailey offered prayer.

The regular business session was held and the work on the quilt was then taken up and several squares were made.

The hostess served delicious refreshments consisting of cake, fruit cocktail and apples.

The meeting was then turned into a joyous Christmas party. The members gathered around a beautiful Christmas tree and each one received a gift.

The meeting adjourned at a late hour to meet with Mrs. M. H. Ferguson, December 29.

Mrs. Drexel Moore and children returned to Paintsville Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Jones, is not well and Mrs. Moore is staying with her for the winter.

OBITUARY

Lyda Margaret Elam was born August 14, 1877, departed this life December 13, 1939, age 61 years and 4 months. At the age of 21 she was married to Jeff Reed, who died November 27, 1904. To this union was born three daughters, Mrs. Claris Cox of Mt. Sterling, Mrs. Fannie Gevedon of Combs, and Mrs. Kathern Gabbard of Blackey. On July 15, 1906, she was married to Wess Blevins. To this union was born two children, Joe Blevins and Mrs. Ann Halsey both of Greear.

She united with the Christian church at the age of 18 and lived a devoted Christian life until death. We wish to inscribe the following in memory of our dear mother:

She has gone from those who loved her

They have laid her in the tomb.

Gone to be with Christ and the angels

Gone where the flowers bloom.

Dear mother you have left your loved ones,

Left us sad and lonely too;

You cannot come back to us

We can only hope to go to you

Jesus called you oh, so early

To a lone and silent grave

You have crossed the last dark river

Where no one but Christ can save

You are waiting at the portals

Just beyond the lonely grave

Blessed be the Lord that taketh

Blessed be the Lord that gave.

THE FAMILY

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Jesse Gamble of Spaw Creek, who was in the St. Joseph Hospital for the removal of a cyst was brought back to the Morgan County Hospital Tuesday and is able to be taken home as soon as the roads permit.

Bernard Allen of Jones Creek who has been a workman on the bank building bruised the palm of his hand which caused an abscess. He is in the Morgan County Hospital having his hand treated.

Mrs. Bill Vest of Spaw Creek was the proud mother of a baby in the hospital Tuesday. Her husband took them home Sunday.

Mrs. Orvil Henry of Woodbend and her little son were able to be taken home Sunday.

Percentages of attendance for the 3rd month of school are as follows:

First grade—93
Second grade—93
Third grade—90
Fourth grade—91
Fifth grade—86
Sixth grade—97
Seventh grade—90
Eighth grade—89
Ninth grade—91
Tenth grade—95
Eleventh grade—95
Twelfth grade—95

UP TO THE PEOPLE

The government of any people will be no better than the government that the people demand.

The political principles of men in office will be no better than the principles of the people who put them in office.

The way to have good government in the United States is to have good citizens, intelligent voters and honest men and women.

No Paper Next Week

Following the custom of a large majority of weekly papers the Courier will not be issued next week. With the exception of Christmas day, however, the office will be open for business every day and the paper appear in the first week in January with 1940 in the date line.

Card of Thanks

We, the members of the family of Mrs. Maggie Blevins, desire to express our appreciation and thanks to friends and neighbors for the many kindnesses and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our dear one.

THE FAMILY

New Business

The north room front in the Elam Theater building lately vacated by the barber fraternity has been remodeled with shelves and necessary fixtures and will be stocked with green groceries and the business conducted by Mr. Elam himself.

Ben Keeton of Lenox visited over the week end at Index with Mrs. Olive Meadows. He spent one day last week in Lexington with his cousin, H. Church Ford, who was ill.

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FARMERS' COLUMN

KENTUCK FARM NEWS

Claude Frye, Pulaski county farmer, is planning to make his supply of mail available to help neighbors earn their 1940 soil-building allowances. He has several thousand tons of mail accessible to trucks and wagons.

Montgomery county cattlemen are improving the feeding value of inferior hay and stover by the use of a hammer-mill and molasses. There is increased interest in the county in beef calves, and purebred sires are in demand.

Bath county sheepraisers hope to keep off disease among ewes by careful feeding and salting. Most of them are feeding legume hay, soybean oilmeal and crushed oats or other ground grain.

J. T. Thompson, Taylor county, took up his soil-building allowance by burning lime. The cost was less than \$3 a ton, including allowance for his own labor. He had a good supply of wood near the kiln.

Seven hundred and fifty Knox county farmers used 11,087 tons of limestone in 1939. Seven hundred farmers in the county sowed 30,000 pounds of rye grass seed, and approximately 500 acres were seeded to crimson clover.

Starting with 290 pullets, K. W. Williams, Johnson county, gathered an average of 193 eggs per bird last year, and made above expenses \$525.42. He cullen heavily throughout the season.

PAYMENT RATES SET

Conservation payments on corn, cotton, wheat, tobacco and commercial vegetables will be made to Kentucky farmers who plant within their acreage allotments for these crops in 1940, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has announced.

Rates of payments on these five commodities in 1940 are as follows: corn, 10 cents a bushel; cotton, 1.4 cents a pound; wheat, 9 cents a bushel; burley tobacco, 1 cent a pound; fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco, 1.2 cents a pound and commercial vegetables, \$10 an acre.

Payments for corn, cotton, wheat, and tobacco will be made by parity payments from a special appropriation of \$225,000,000 in the 1939 season average price is less than 75 percent of the established parity price.

Soil building allowances will remain about the same under the 1940 program as in 1939. A \$20 minimum soil-building allowance for participating farmers will be provided for general agricultural conservation practices. The principal change in allowances will be the addition of \$30 per farm to be earned by planting forest trees.

As in 1939, farmers who exceed their acreage allotments will be subject to deductions from their performance payments.

The 1940 national acreage goals for each of the special allotment crops are: corn, 88 to 90 million acres, a decrease from 1939 of about 12 percent; wheat, 50 to 65 million acres, an increase from 1939 of about 18 percent; cotton, 27 to 29 million acres, no change from 1939; burley tobacco, 380 to 370 thousand acres, a decrease from 1939 of about 10 percent; fire-cured and dark air-cured tobacco, 165 to 165 thousand acres, no change from 1939. The commercial vegetable acreage also remains unchanged.

In addition to sharing in these acreages of special allotment crops, Kentucky farmers share in the national goal of 145 to 150 million acres for general crops, which is the same as the 1939 goal.

The total soil depleting goal under the 1940 Agricultural Conservation Program has been set at 270 to 285 million acres, the same as the 1939 goal. At normal yields, AAA officials estimate, this acreage will provide

ample supplies for all domestic needs, for export requirements and for an adequate reserve.

With KENTUCKY Editors

An average American is the one who can't afford to be without a new model car, neither can he afford to own one.—Maysville Public Ledger.

The three year old daughter of Jim Abner, a WPA worker of near Artemus, was brought here to doctors Monday for treatment of serious burns about the upper part of her body. The child was standing in front of an open grate and her clothing caught fire. Her condition is regarded as critical.—Mountain Advocate.

Lavern Williams, 22, is in the Henderson Hospital in a critical condition as the result of a freak tire blowout last Saturday. Lavern was helping his cousin, Harry Williams, change a wheel on a truck, when the tire blew out and the rim was thrown in the air. The steel band struck Lavern in the forehead and almost scalped him.—Pawson Springs Progress.

We are opposed to the practice of local organizations tying up with some outside high pressure foreign racket out of which the local organization gets ten percent and the foreign promoter gets ninety percent. Local organizations should know better than to put their friends on the spot that way. In order to give the local organization a dime friends are called upon to give some strange promoter ninety cents.—Jeffersonton Jeffersonian.

Sheriff Martin Green was called to the home of Carl Baker on Log Mountain a mile south of here, after a telephone call reported that the house had been dynamited. Baker said he was afraid to come out as someone apparently was trying to kill him. Sheriff Green rushed to the house and found one corner badly damaged and an organ in the front room shattered by the "blast." Near by he found a large truck tire which he said had fallen from a truck on the highway and had rolled down the steep grade. The fast rolling tire jumped a fence and crashed into Baker's house, the sheriff reported.—The Pineville Sun.

BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

The continued sale of Christmas Seals means the waging of incessant warfare against the scourge of tuberculosis.

Every buyer of these stickers in Morgan county is making a definite contribution to a great cause. Some of the money that is given locally may mean the saving of human lives in this community.

At this time of the year when everybody is looking forward to the happy season of the year it should be easy to make a purchase that is so convenient and so useful. If you have not already bought your Christmas Seal, buy them today.

The work of the organization that provides the sales of Christmas Seals is done throughout the United States by the men and women who conduct the sales campaign and those who carry out the routine, but important battle against the disease that has threatened man for many years.

You can show your appreciation of their efforts by making a purchase of particular usefulness at Christmas time, with the knowledge that you are participating in the campaign for health.

BOB JONES' COMMENTS

The American Youth Congress has been endeavoring to obtain statements from prominent people condemning the work of the Dies Committee. The attitude of this organization toward the investigation being made by the Dies Committee is all the evidence the writer needs to prove that there must be at least a friendly feeling in the hearts of the members of the organization toward Communism. Beware of any man who does not want anybody to ask him questions. Beware of any organization that objects to being investigated. If these young people are loyal to the traditions and principles of our Government and are under suspicion of not being loyal, they should ask for an investigation. My work has taken me into practically all parts of this country and I have noted especially for the last few years that the loyalty of a great many young people to the institutions that make America has been, to say the least, growing cold. The American Youth Congress would have better standing among the rank and file of thinking Americans if its members

WHAT'S HAPPENED? In Europe



by Dr. Charles M. Knapp
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The fifteenth week of the European War has ended tonight with a bang, the destruction of the German pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, in the roadstead outside the harbor of Montevideo, the capital and chief port of Uruguay, South America. Ordered to leave by late this afternoon (Sunday) or submit to internment for the duration of the war by the Uruguayan government, Captain Hans Langsdorff at five o'clock headed out from the harbor. When about three miles off shore, tugs and a lighter approached and the ship stopped. Apparently the crew then left the ship and were picked up by the tugs, the barge and other boats which had followed her out. Most of the crew were picked up by the German freighter Tacoma. Prior to sailing some two hundred and fifty of the crew and all the wounded had been disembarked in the city, when the wounded were taken ashore and left in Montevideo hospitals. Rumor tonight has it that the Graf Spee was blown up upon direct orders from Hitler himself. This scuttling of the pocket battleship recalls the fact that after the surrender of the German fleet at the close of the World War it too was scuttled rather than allowed to fall into the hands of the British.

The Graf Spee was in Montevideo as a result of a naval battle in which she had engaged for fourteen hours on Wednesday off the Uruguayan coast. While pursuing a British freighter sailing for Brazil the Graf Spee had been engaged by the British light cruiser Ajax, which was later joined by the light cruiser Achilles and the heavier cruiser Exeter. In the running fight that followed the Exeter was badly damaged and dropped out of the fight. Tonight it is reported that she had reached port Stanley, the British naval base, some eight hundred miles to the south in the Falkland Islands. On the Exeter sixty-one men were killed and

were as vehement in their denunciation of Communism as they are in their denunciation of the Dies Committee.

There has been too much "kow-towing" to the opinion of youth for the last quarter of a century in America. What can young people know about a sea that they have never sailed or about a road they have never traveled. It takes the wisdom of years to know what to do with problems in the individual life and in the life of a nation. "That will not work," the writer said to a student of Bob Jones College when the student had outlined a plan for something he was thinking about doing during the summer vacation. "May I ask, Dr. Bob, why it will not work?" the young man asked, in a manner that showed proper respect for his position as his advisor and president of his college. "I have tried it four or five times myself and have seen it tried hundreds of times by other people. That is the reason I know it will not work," I replied. There is a place for youth in the affairs of government, in society, and in the church, but there is also a very large place for the older people who have been over life's road and have learned what will work and what will not work.

"Let no man despise thy youth." That is what the great apostle said in writing to a younger man in whom he was personally interested. The egotistical "let us run it" attitude of a great many young people is making youth despisable in the eyes of more mature people who have studied life's problems and know the dangers that are ahead of us. I am the founder of a college and live with young people a large part of the time. Our students come from the best families in practically all states in the Union and from a number of foreign countries. There is none of that "American Youth Congress" spirit in Bob Jones College. "American Youth Congress" does not lineup with old-time evangelical, Bible orthodox. It belongs to a behavioristic, sensual "Do as you please" age. A great deal of it is Satanic. It is anarchy. It is a rebellion against authority. It is a destructive influence. If permitted to go on with its radical attitude it means sooner or later the destruction of civilization. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." A horse is wild on the Western plains. Someone lassoes the

before the Temporary Economic National Committee early next year.

"Six Percent"

The Federal Trade Commission has ordered the General Motors Corporation and the Ford Motor Company to desist from the use of "6%" in connection with advertising the installment payment plan of purchasing automobiles. When this form of advertising was used by all sellers, the Commission intervened and the practice was given up by others. The Commission says that buyers actually pay six, nine, or twelve percent on the balance originally owed, depending on whether payments are to be completed in a year, eighteen months or two years. This, it says, means eleven and one-half percent simple interest on the original balance as periodically reduced.

Farms

In the year that ended on March 1st, 1939, there was an increase in voluntary sales of farm property as values rose, a decline in farm loss through foreclosure, and a continuance in the decline of farm mortgage debts. Figures are from the Department of Agriculture.

Power Grid

Power company executives and officials of the Government are studying the proposed integrated systems of private and public electric power defense. Regional conferences to be held in Washington will continue during December. While national defense has been stressed, the President insists that a better integrated system will be an all-time adjunct to American industry.

Safer at Sea

The Navy's Bureau of Medicine and Surgery reports that fifty-four sailors died as a result of automobile accidents in the fiscal year 1939, while only thirty-three were drowned at sea.

Sales

Department store sales for November were six percent over those in the corresponding months of 1938, according to figures released by the Federal Reserve Board.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school each Sunday at 10 a.m. Preaching service by Pastor, Dr. G. C. Banks the second and fourth Sundays in each month at 11 a.m.

Soil Erosion Is Costly
Soil erosion in the last 50 years has done about \$20,000,000 damage to land in the United States, government authorities estimate.

WASHINGTON NOTES

1,000

The Republican National Convention next year will have three delegates less than the 1926 Convention. The apportionment shows that eight states gained a total of nine votes and four states lost three votes each. There will be an even 1,000 delegates to the Convention next year.

Investments

The Temporary National Economic Committee is conducting a series of hearings connected with the investment bank situation in the country. The Committee seeks to discover the extent to which concentration exists in the industry, the manner in which business is negotiated and divided, and how far banking processes have been adjusted to the provisions of the Banking Act of 1933.

Ships

A survey of ocean transport facilities to Europe, made by the Department of Agriculture, shows available tonnage about eighty percent greater than in 1914. The American Merchant Marine is nearly four times as large and neutral tonnage has made increases in the last twenty-five years.

Trade Barriers

A study of statutes impeding the free flow of commerce between nine Eastern and Southern States is being made by the WPA, which will present its information to the legislatures of the states when they meet in January. The laws to be studied are those of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Mississippi and Louisiana. Meanwhile the Interdepartmental committee on Interstate barriers is considering the problem and planning for hearings which it hopes to obtain

Speech Improvement
Women at Barnard college are learning to improve their speech. When they enter as freshmen, a phonograph record is made of their speech, which they study. They then have further conferences and recordings during the next two years to hear themselves as others hear them.

Aeronautical Library
The division of aeronautics of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., has the most comprehensive collection of aeronautical material in the world.

Deepest Spot in Ocean
The deepest place yet found in the ocean is off the island of Mindanao, in the Philippines, where soundings of 35,400 feet have been reported.

Caligula Mild Early in Reign
Caligula, third Roman emperor, seemed a mild ruler in the first year of his reign, but after a severe illness, he tortured and killed thousands.

HOLIDAY GREETINGS

DANCE AT

THE BUNGALOW HAZEL GREEN

SPECIAL HOLIDAY DANCES

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

NO ADVANCE IN ADM. OPEN LATE WEEK NIGHTS

COURIER ADLETS

FOR RENT: Good house with gas and light in east end of West Liberty. See Treway's Cash Store.

Cannal Coal from Rush Branch. Block coal \$2.25; Small coal \$2.00. Luther Adkins, West Liberty, Ky.

FOR SALE. 60 acre farm. House, barn, water, fruit trees, good soil, near West Liberty. Inquire Courier office.

REGISTERED Longeared black and tan Fox and Coon Hound pups, ten dollars C. O. D. Hubert Winders, Rte. 1, Hagerstown, Maryland. —25

Season's Greetings

In this happy holiday season we greet you with best wishes of good cheer and offer you everything you need to make your table the main attraction for your family and friends.

All kinds of fresh fruits and vegetables, nuts, candies, cakes and cake ingredients, meats, and staple groceries at lowest prices.

We thank you for your kind patronage during the year and trust that our service may help to make your Christmas dinner and every other meal more enjoyable than ever before.

N. C. GULLETT

I. G. A. Store

West Liberty, Ky.

Your Cold Cough Is Tough On Your Friends, Too!

You can't blame your friends for wishing you would go somewhere else with your cold and cough. Colds are highly contagious and cause more loss of time from illness than all other diseases combined. Get Mentho-Mulsion. Mentho-Mulsion is guaranteed to stop your cold cough immediately and rid you of that cough entirely, quicker than any medicine you ever tried, or every cent of the cost will be refunded without question. Mentho-Mulsion is the formula of the dean of pharmacy of a large mid-western university. It contains vitamins A and D to build up your cold resistance, and seven soothing, healing oils and essences, with the best quality beechnut essence for penetration. Genuine California fig syrup gives Mentho-Mulsion a taste you will like and makes it cling to your irritated membranes so its healing ingredients act more quickly and effectively. Feverish, irritated air passages are fine nesting places for germs, including even such dangerous ones as flu, pneumonia and tuberculosis. It is dangerous to take a chance with a cough due to a cold. Mentho-Mulsion is endorsed by your neighbors and suggested by Dr. J. F. POYNTER, D.D.O. ST. LOUIS.

MORGAN COUNTY SCHOOL PAGE

(Under Auspices of Ova O. Haney, County Supt.)

TO TEACHERS

Dear Teacher:

I feel that the time has come when we must keep driving and driving in order to lay our case before the people of Kentucky. I will try to present some of the facts concerning educational data in Kentucky. Two counties in the state have fewer than 25 persons per square mile. The average of the state is 64 persons per square mile. Sparse population like Morgan county necessitates extra cost for transportation. Seventy-six of the 120 counties are one hundred percent rural. The burden of education is roughly in proportion to the ratio of children to adults. In Morgan county we almost have a child for every adult which makes the educational burden heavier per adult. Ten years ago the income per child of the non-farm population in Kentucky was \$2300, as compared with \$453. Income per child for the farm population, a ratio of over five to one in favor of the non-farm child. There are 120 county school districts and 143 independent school districts.

In the ten year period following 1928 assessed valuation declined all the way from zero to 59 percent in all but three counties. From 1931 to 1938 changes in assessments ranged all the way from 59 percent decrease to 49 percent increase. Morgan county fell off in local taxes from \$55,000 down to \$25,000. There are 74 counties that levy the maximum of 75c—Morgan is one. Two-thirds of the several thousand one-teacher schools are heated by unjacketed stoves, 17 percent of the one-teacher schools have no water supply and 98 percent of them have no artificial light in the state. The enrollment has increased in Morgan county far above the average. Qualifications of teachers have improved in the last few years far above the state average. All over the state the teachers have increased their qualifications twenty-five percent. Teachers salaries have decreased generally all over the state. Salaries run from less than \$350 in one county to over \$1000 in two other counties per year. The actual amount from both state and local sources on a per child basis was \$4.26 less in 1937-38 than ten years before. This is why the increase in state per capita did not increase teachers salaries. On the basis of 1938 census the per capita would have to be increased about \$2.00 to give every school a teacher for eight months term.

If the state were to allow a \$15. per capita and the local revenue should remain as it is now the total per child would still be lower than it was in 1928-29. The Kentucky Education Association is very optimistic at this time on being able to obtain a \$15. per capita, but all over the State of Kentucky every teacher and school administrator is determined to exert all the influence they have to bring about at the next assembly this much needed legislation for the school teachers of Kentucky. As a teacher you should use every occasion to mould public opinion favorable toward such a legislation. —OVA O. HANEY, Superintendent, Morgan County Schools.

MIZE SCHOOL NEWS

Since the fair we have had a Hal-loween party. We had Murphy Fork school as our guests. They joined us at noon. We played many games and were awarded prizes. At the close of the day we were served cookies, cocoa and candy.

A few days ago we planted some trees in our yard. We hope they will grow up and make shades for other boys and girls after we have finished the rural school.

The county doctor and nurse have been pleasant visitors at our school recently. We are trying to assist them in their drive against tuberculosis by selling Christmas seals. Some of us have already earned the pins.

We are looking forward to Christmas. We have been making decorations and drawing names and also are planning a short but meaningful program to go with our Christmas

Githman has furnished material for our Christmas program. We enjoy his visits and chalk talks.

Mr. Cecil, our helping teacher, put in three window sashes for us.

We are all hoping to pass our grades.

We've had an epidemic of chicken pox in our school.

We wish all other schools a very merry Christmas and a happy new year. —Miss School. Mrs. Gladys Nickall, teacher.

North Carolina's Bridges

There are 24 covered bridges still standing in North Carolina. Most were built in Randolph county.



F. F. A. Approves Activity Program

The local chapter of the F. F. A. held its regular meeting Tuesday, December 19, in the agriculture room of the M. C. H. S. The meeting was called to order by president, Ford Meadows and opened with the opening ceremonies. After the chairman of the following committees gave a report the members voted and approved the following activity program for the year:

Supervised Practice Committee
1. Encourage each member to carry out at least twenty approved farm practices.

2. Each member attain farm practice standards adopted by the boys.
3. Encourage each member to use improved strains of crops and livestock in all projects.

4. Sponsor two project visiting tours.
5. Every member exhibit a part of each enterprise of his projects in the county fair.

6. Take and display pictures of farm practice and chapter activities.
Chairman, Roger Lewis; secretary, Don Long; member, Eugene Neal.

Cooperation Committee
Charles Rowland, chairman; Clyde Payton, secretary; Julian Potter, member.

1. Purchase cooperatively products used by members in their projects such as (a) Certified seed potatoes. (b) Root rat resistance tobacco seed. (c) Seed corn. (d) Fertilizer. (e) Feeds. (f) Spray material.

2. Sell cooperatively products produced by members.
3. Cooperate with school officials and other worthwhile organizations in carrying out other worthwhile programs.

Community Service

1. Take part in and help sponsor the Morgan county school and agricultural fair.

2. Cooperate with the Morgan County Fish and Game Commission in helping to protect valuable wild life in Morgan county.

3. Each member of the Future Farmers of America enter something from each of his projects in the Morgan County School and Agriculture Fair.

4. Assist the teacher in making farm surveys for part time in evening classes.

5. Chapter purchase pure bred bull. Clay Ratliff, chairman; Robert Henry, secretary; Rudolph Walsh, member.

Leadership Committee
1. Pay transportation for at least two delegates to go to the State FFA convention.

2. Sponsor a F.F.A. public and impromptu speaking essay contest with \$3, \$2, \$1 prizes. The winners to represent us at Paintsville in the district contest.

3. Each member of the chapter will have charge of at least one meeting during the year.

4. Cooperate with the county agent and other farm leaders and organizations' activities in F.F.A. and 4-H club activities and help be a leader in home community for the 4-H clubs.

5. Train and develop members to become qualified to reach the Future Farmers and State Farmers degree.
Chairman, Ormond Lewis; secretary, James B. Patrick; member, Gordon Lewis.

Earning and Saving Committee
Earl Ross, chairman; Walter Oldfield, secretary; Emerson Brown, member.

1. Raise money for the FFA by selling tobacco seed, selling magazines, selling garden seed, have at least two radio stars appear, sell hot bed plants, (a) cabbage (b) tomatoes.

2. Use the money raised for the following: Purchase farm shop tools, transportation to F.F.A. Paintsville for Field Day, April 6, 1940, transportation to F.F.A. camps and convention, book and magazine for F.F.A. library, film projector and films, each member of the chapter earn and save enough to raise him of the next degree.

3. Encourage each member to start his own bank account.

4. Interest local bankers in the

chapter thrift program and devote at least two meetings to thrift during the year.

5. Pay dues on time.
6. Make the F.F.A. chapter budget and work on plans to raise the funds needed.

Conduct of Meetings Committee
Wallace J. Brown, chairman; Raymond Hayse, secretary; James B. Patrick, member.

1. Plan and post program for coming meeting at least one week in advance of meeting date.

2. In-ite interesting business and occasionally to our meetings.

3. Follow the parliamentary procedure in all meetings.

4. Have outside speakers occasionally.

5. Invite parents occasionally.

6. Have a good interesting program each meeting.

7. Fine any member absent without reasonable excuse 25c for each absence. Elect an attendance committee to decide if member has an excuse. Reasonable excuses are as follows: death in family, sickness, high waters.

8. Hold green hand and F.F.A. degree ceremonies. Elect at least one honorable member each year.
9. Hold regular meetings every 2 weeks on Tuesday during school year and meet each month on Saturday during the summer.

10. Have regular time for each committee to meet.
Scholarship Committee

1. Each member of chapter be in upper one-fourth of class in all subjects. Each member maintain an average of 85 or above in all subjects.

2. Secure and award suitable prizes to the chapter members attaining certain scholastic standards during the year.

3. Post an F.F.A. honor roll each six weeks.

4. Arrange for conferences between instructors and pupils doing unsatisfactory work.

5. Arrange conferences between parents, instructor and pupils doing unsatisfactory work.

Chairman, Joseph Payton; secretary, Don Long; member, Wallace Hill.

Recreation Committee
1. Every member to attain the F.F.A. camp.

2. Plan to have F.F.A. party.

3. Visit and entertain one chapter during the year.

4. Add books and magazines to chapter library.

5. Sponsor chapter athletic team suitable for the season.

Current Hale, chairman; Paul Williams, secretary; Ford Meadows, member.

Information Committee
1. Sponsor a column in and make regular contributions to the local paper.

2. Some of the boys send in news stories about project work to magazines.

3. Keep a chapter scrap book.

4. Sponsor a chapter exhibit to a local fair or show.

5. Erect a F.F.A. sign near the school or on a main highway leading into town.

6. Publish at least one news letter during the year.

Chairman, Bill May; secretary, Garland Lewis; member, Walter Oldfield.

We were glad to have Mrs. Tackett as a visitor.

The committees will meet and decide how the above activities are to be carried out.

The meeting was adjourned until the next regular meeting or until a special meeting was called by the president.

WALTER OLDFIELD, Reporter

BASKETBALL

Standing of teams in S M Conference

	won	lost	pct.
Frenchburg	2	0	1000
Morgan Co. H. S.	4	1	800
Crockett	4	2	667
Cannel City	3	2	600
Salyersville	1	1	500
Royalton	2	5	286
East	1	6	143

West Liberty Vs. Cannel City
West Liberty Red Devils will play the Cannel City Raiders at Cannel City Friday night, December 22.

M. C. H. S. Defeats Morehead High
It was necessary for the local basketball team to play a very conservative brand of ball in order to defeat the strong quintette coached by Roy Holbrook of Morehead. At the half Morehead was leading 11-10, but the local team came back with renewed vigor and won by a score of 27-22.

Payton was high point man for his team scoring 19 points. Barker, normally of Morehead county, was high point man for Morehead scoring 8 points.

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F. Payton (19)
F. Moore (9)
C. Carpenter (4)
G. Little (3)
G. Price (4)
G. Laidie
Sandy Hook—
F. Crisp (7)
F. Rice (6)
C. Horton (3)
G. Miller (10)
G. Adkins (2)

The West Liberty reserves defeated the Sandy Hook reserves by a score of 17-8.

M. C. H. S. Band Concert

The band concert which was given December 12, 1939, was rendered as follows:

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Assembly Program

Program given by Miss Cox's 6th grade pupils Friday of last week at the regular assembly period.

Devotions—Ruth Davis
Reading—My Books, Imogene Nickell.

Song—Lookland, 18 children
Reading—Going to the Library, Elizabeth Adkins

Play—What Hartwell Learned:
Mother—Juanita Fairchild

Husband—Johnny Blair
Sister—Cassie Black

Mother Education—Loberta Ratliff
Teacher—Lavone Wingo

13 school children.
A story of a little boy who didn't like to study, but after having a dream he was fully convinced he should.

Story—An Apple for the Teacher—Elizabeth Blair, Imogene Nickell, Mary Margaret, Mary Margaret, Mary Margaret

Story—A Return from Miami
Two boys who have been rescued from the clutches of the evil forces of the underworld, and who have returned to their home in Miami, Florida.

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Two boys who have been rescued

SELLARS

Mr. and Mrs. John Cundiff attended church at Little Cane Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Williams and children spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Amyx.

Rexford Byrd of West Liberty spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tipton.

Miss Nancy Tipton, Mrs. R. A. Chaney of this place and Mrs. W. C. Byrd of Grassy Creek spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Amyx of Grassy Creek.

Kelise Nickell spent Sunday with his father, J. M. Nickell.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Amyx and Emma Amyx spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Ova Amyx of Grassy Creek.

PANSY

OMER

Dec. 18.—Born, to Mrs. Ervin Sheets, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Williams spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Fanny Osborn, of Kellacey.

Mrs. Dolly Schnell made a business trip to West Liberty one day last week.

Mrs. Thos. Byrd and son, Glenn, were in Elz Saturday on business.

Miss Nina Sexton and Ova Muncie were quietly married a few days ago. Their friends all wish them much joy through life.

Rhoda McGuire was the Sunday guest of Marvin Fugate and family. Also Aunt Mariah McKinney, who is spending the winter at the Fugate home at Woodsbend.

C. R. Hale and Pierce Hale were in this section buying turkeys one day last week.

Perry Wheeler and son of Grassy Creek were here on business Saturday.

The two daughters of Elijah Mullins of Whites Branch spent the week end with Audra Triplett and family.

ZAG

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Riggsby, a boy—Allie.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Barnett, a girl—Wanda.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Conley of Zag were the Sunday evening guests of Mrs. D. K. Ferguson of Barnett Ridge.

Jim Fairchild and wife, Mary Lou, and Josh Carter were in West Liberty Saturday night.

Ray Barnett and Albert Blevins, who had been working in Ohio, are at home now.

A large crowd attended the revival meeting at Zag last week held by Rev. Clay of West Liberty.

John Peyton was visiting his sister, Mrs. Ollie Lee Perry, of Blaze one day last week.

Albert Blvins of here and Lace Conley of oom were the guests of Velta Day Sunday afternoon.

Herman Williams, John Crouch, Cam Cottle, Kelly Ferguson, Mary Alice Carpenter and Edith Carpenter were in town Monday.

There will be a Christmas program at the Zag school house Sunday morning, December 24. We're expecting old Santa and a jolly time.

A double wedding was held here when Nila Blair was married to Estill Bach and her sister, Rosa Dell Blair, was married to Bert Bach. The wedding took place at the girls' home, Saturday, December 16. The men are brothers and the girls sisters, making it a pretty close family affair. May they always be happy and prosper.

ELAMTON

Rev. J. F. Walters held church services at the Christian church Saturday night and Sunday. A large crowd attended.

Mrs. Myrtle Beculimer and children of Dings were the Saturday night guests of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Galfrey Conley.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Williams are the proud parents of a new baby boy—Drexel.

Mr. and Mrs. Elax Pelfrey were the Sunday dinner guests of his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pelfrey.

Miss Bessie Williams of West Liberty has been visiting her brother-in-law, W. H. Williams and children.

Mrs. A. C. Bradley attended church at the Christian church Sunday.

Mrs. R. H. Ferguson and her granddaughters, Alleen and Josephine, and also Nancy Bolin all of Dings attended church at the Christian church Sunday.

Lola Blevins, who had been sick, is able to be back in school again.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burk of Jeptha were the Sunday night guests of Mrs. Burk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams.

W. H. Williams, W. A. Lacey and Ova May took their tobacco to Mt. Sterling the first of the week.

Mrs. Anderson Williams and children of this place are visiting relatives at Ashland.

Mrs. J. T. Pelfrey of this place was the Monday night guest of her sister, Mrs. T. H. Caskey, of West Liberty.

Wishing everybody a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

EBON

Dec. 18.—J. S. Bailey, who has been confined to his room for the last two weeks, is improving some.

Rexford and Ralph Brewer from Trent are spending a few days here with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McGuire were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Denzil Goodpaster.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Mayes of Dan were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Sexton.

Charlie, age thirty years, a horse owned by Floyd Good, died last week.

Miss Ellen Wallen is home from Berea to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wallen. Merry Christmas to every one!

JEPHTHA

Dec. 18.—Auty Ferguson is working in Ohio.

Monder Keeton and Mag Burchett were recently united in marriage and are house keeping on Laurel Branch.

Mrs. Russell Day had some dental work done and she was ill for a few days from loss of blood.

Filmore Holbrook, Miss Marjorie Cox and Elders A. C. Bradley, Harlan Fannin and R. H. Ferguson attended the union meeting and revival at New Salem church the week end. Sunday there had been two conversions and nine more seekers. The meeting is still going on.

Drilling is progressing very satisfactorily on another well on Back Branch. They report down three or four hundred feet. This is the second well for Mr. Fitch, the first one on the Pelfrey Branch on the farm of Bruce Williams.

SLAB

FLATWOODS

Joe Osborne and daughter, Myrtle, and Mrs. Ova Ratliff were shopping in Lexington Saturday.

Sidney Cox is very ill.

John and Arlie Kemplin of Middletown, Ohio, visited their parents here over the week end.

A large crowd from Woodsbend attended the ball game Saturday night.

Misses Osie and Monnie Wingo of West Liberty spent last week end with Irene and Elnora May.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Cox were at West Liberty Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gose and Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cox were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Finley Gose Sunday.

Miss Irene May spent one night last week with Miss Joyce Henry of Licking River.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Blevins were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Sheets.

UNCLE ZIP

MIZE

Dec. 18.—Mrs. Mildred May and son, Scottie, of West Liberty, came to Mize Sunday to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Oldfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Havens and children of Grassy Creek spent Sunday with Mr. Havens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Havens.

Miss Gertrude Mayabb of Murphy Fork spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. Ernest Amburn.

Ornie Adams, who has been away at work, spent the week end here with his wife and children.

Miss Beatrice Havens of Murphy Fork spent Thursday night with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Havens.

Andrew Couch and family have moved to his farm here purchased from John Mays.

Mr. and Mrs. Logan Robison of Paris Crossing, Indiana, spent one night last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. John Amburn and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Amburn have moved to the tenant houses of J. A. Oldfield.

GREASY

Dec. 18.—Rev. and Mrs. Hobert Halsey were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Perry.

Monell Hurt of Murphy Fork was the Friday night guest of her sister, Mrs. Ira Perry.

Rev. and Mrs. Harlen Murphy and grandson, Cleo, of West Liberty were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Henry.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Murphy and daughter, Nellavene and son, Larry Dale, were in Campton to see Mr. Murphy's mother, Mrs. Ben Murphy, who is ill.

Rev. Glenn Lawson conducted services at the Greasy church last Saturday night and Sunday.

Several from here attended the pound party of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mays at Chapel.

Ladema Noble, daughter of Bill Noble, is seriously ill with a severe cold.

Mrs. Dall Stone, who had been working at Campton, has returned home.

A Christmas program will be held at Greasy school building Friday afternoon, December 22. Every one is welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Paris Stamper and daughters were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Perry.

LICKING RIVER

Dec. 19.—Mrs. Stanley Nipper and little son of Dehart were the Saturday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stacy.

Misses Ruby, Jenna Vee and Norma Lee Henry spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Grace Cisco.

Bill Benton of Dehart was the guest Sunday of Bert and Gilbert Nipper.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller spent Sunday with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. Wiley Miller.

Joe Tom Pettit of Pomp attended church at this place Sunday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nipper.

Mrs. Ernest Bays was calling on Mrs. Dan Lewis Monday afternoon.

Powell and Joyce Henry were in Charlestown Monday.

Ormond Lewis and Byford Day of Pomp were here bird hunting.

Edgar Nipper was in Maysville Friday on business.

Rev. Wiley Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Nipper and son, Bert, attended church at Dehart Sunday night.

Mrs. Willard Lewis, Ruby and Ruth Henry were shopping in West Liberty Tuesday.

BLUE EES

BETHEL CHAPEL

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Haney and daughter, Mrs. Gared B. Patrick, spent last Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carver and daughter, Lois Anne.

Phyllis Jean McGuire of Cancy spent the week end here with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gared B. Patrick.

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Patrick and granddaughter, Mrs. Chalmers McGuire and son, Clay, and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gathman and children all of Cancy spent Sunday here with Patrick's granddaughter and Mrs. McGuire's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Briscoe and little daughter, Joyce Ann.

Mrs. George Bentley of South Solon Ohio, is visiting here with her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Carver and children, and Mrs. Carver's father, W. E. Bentley.

Rev. and Mrs. Jack Wheeler and son, James, of North Middletown, attended church here the week end and visited Mrs. Wheeler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Lacy, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Haney and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Gared B. Patrick of here took dinner with them Sunday.

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BUSKIRK

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson have moved to the farm of Lucy Oldfield near Rexville where they will farm the coming year.

Ernie and Earl Wilson and Fred Chaney made a business trip to West Liberty Thursday.

Quite a number from this part have gone to Lexington with their tobacco.

Oscar Rasnic, who has been on the sick list for some time, is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Adams of Brushy Fork visited their son, Hargus and family, of this place the week end.

Mrs. H. B. Chaney visited Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wilson of Demund Tuesday.

Mrs. Laura Patrick visited with her sister, Mrs. Sam Lumpkins, Thursday night.

Mrs. Emily Chaney of Grassy Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chaney through the week end.

Vernie Montgomery of this place is visiting with his mother at Springfield, Ohio.

Troy Chaney and son, Oren Max, and Douglas Rupart of Winchester were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chaney Sunday. TOOTSY

WAR CREEK

Dec. 19.—Miss Mable Cottle, who is attending school at West Liberty, spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lemaster of Florress ate supper with Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Pelfrey and attended church here Saturday night.

Misses Inez Lemaster and Pearl Conley of Florress were the Saturday evening guests of Mae and Lola Tyree.

Miss Mattie McClure of Elamton was the Saturday night guest of Misses Susie and Mabel Cottle.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe M. Cottle and family had as guests Sunday, Roy Potter and Chester McClain of Cow Branch, Mattie McClure of Elamton, Henry D. Jackson and Charles Lykins of Spaw Creek.

Mrs. Mamie Tyree and family had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Noble, daughter of Florress, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Brooks of this place and Jamie Johnson of Cow Branch.

Mr. and Mrs. John David Kennard of this place were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hollie Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Tyree formerly of this place, but now living at Muncie, Indiana, are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby girl—Sylvia Carol.

LENOX

Dec. 19.—Mr. and Mrs. Everett Day visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Day, of Elk Fork Sunday.

Mrs. Newt Perry was in Huntington, W. Va., last week visiting relatives.

Leonard and Johnny Mullins of Redwine were the Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Adkins of this place.

Mrs. Henry McClain called on Mrs. J. D. Dennison Saturday afternoon.

Newt Perry, Willie Adkins, B. A. Williams and several others were in Mt. Sterling Sunday putting their tobacco on market.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McClain visited relatives on Williams Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Newt Perry of this place is visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. James Perry, at West Liberty.

Ellis Adkins was the Sunday dinner guest of Ocal Williams of this place.

JOLLY JOKER

YOCUM

Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Burns McGuire entertained Sunday Mrs. Jose Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie McGuire, Julietta Cox, Mrs. Arnold Caskey and little daughter, Joyce Ray, of Lick Fork.

Alvin Morgan and family of near here moved one day last week to Lucky.

Several from here are busy hauling their tobacco to market.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Caskey were calling on friends at Pleasant Run Friday night.

Mrs. Hannah Robbins is on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ked Jarvis and daughter, Lillie May, of this place were at West Liberty Saturday.

Mrs. Olive Burton will have a Christmas program at the school house at this place on Thursday, December 22.

Sunday school at this school every Sunday.

BLUE EYES

MAYTOWN AND GREASY

Dec. 18.—Tragedy struck in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Prater at Maytown Tuesday, when their daughter, Mrs. Mable Prater's, clothing caught fire from an open grate.

She was burned so badly she died Friday night, December 15. She was alone when the tragedy occurred. She leaves a seven months old baby, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Preston Barker, three sisters—Mrs. Lucile Lawson of Valeria, Mrs. Ethel Watkins and Miss Pauline Prater of Maytown.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Stamper near Hazel Green and she was laid to rest in the family cemetery there. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the community.

Maxine, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Lykins, who had the misfortune to get her leg and collar bone broken last week is getting along very well.

Clayton Hammond of Cottle was here today on business and ate dinner with J. M. Rowland.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown and children spent the week end with his parents of Pomeroyton.

Rev. Harlen Murphy of West Liberty filled his appointment at Greasy Sunday afternoon.

Merry Christmas and happy new year to the Editor and family and all the readers of the Courier.

MOSSY BOTTOM

Dec. 17.—E. D. Hamilton who had his leg taken off a few days ago, is doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kennard of Logville are visiting their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Spears of this place.

Clyde Hamilton of Cincinnati, came in Saturday for a two weeks' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Spears gave their son, Talbert, a birthday party Saturday night. A large crowd attended and Talbert received several nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hamilton had as dinner guests Sunday Mrs. Frank Kennard, Mrs. E. D. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Spears and Edward Hamilton.

Kirby Conley of Big Shoal visited Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at this place.

Several of the young folks from here attended the funeral of Mac Blankenship at Cow Pen Sunday.

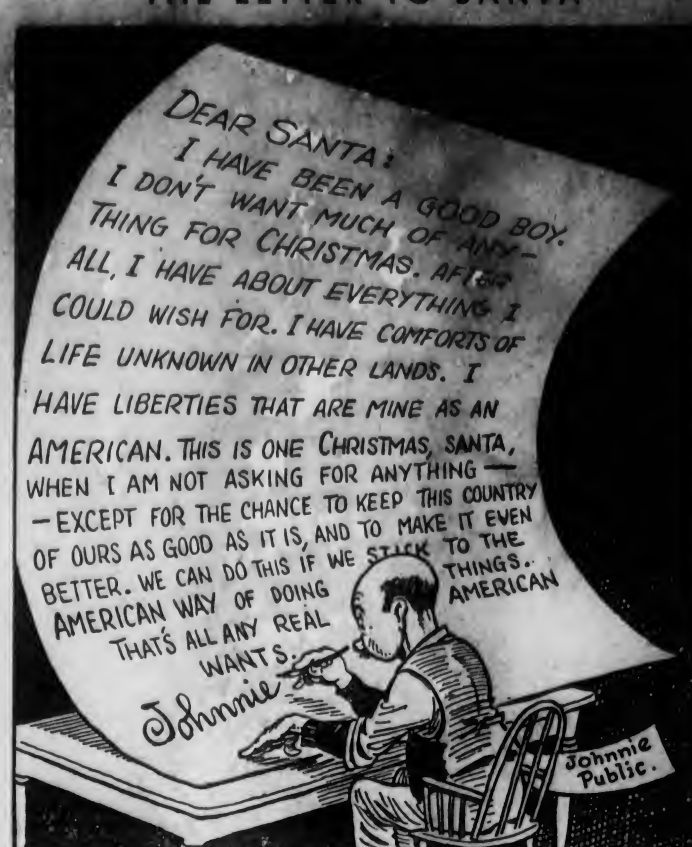
Mrs. Ford Spears entertained with a quilting Friday of last week. Present were Mrs. Joe Pelfrey, Mrs. Joe Stanley and daughter, Lola, Mrs. Ernest McCoy, Mrs. Ezra Hamilton, Mrs. L. D. Hamilton, Mrs. Roy Hamilton, Mrs. Raymond Hamilton, Mrs. Elex Contrell, Mrs. Audrey Kennard, Mrs. Frank Kennard, Mrs. Tosh Williams, Mrs. Red Casbolt, Ruby and Darlene Williams.

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Comet Brightest Near Sun

A comet increases in brilliancy as it approaches the sun and fades rapidly as it departs.

THE LETTER TO SANTA



Cottle, Ky., December 19, 1939

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little curly headed girl. I am two years old. My name is Betty Gay Hammonds. I live at Cottle, Ky. I have three sisters and one brother.

For Christmas I want a doll, a tricycle and fruits and candies. Don't forget my sisters and brother. Don't forget my cousins. I have a cousin I am named after. She lives at Ashland. Please don't forget her. Her name is Gay Nell Burton. And please do not forget other little girls and boys. Visit every one and make them have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Your friend,

BETTY GAY HAMMOND

West Liberty, Ky., Dec. 19, 1939

Dear Old Santa Claus:

I am a little boy 7 years old and I go to school. I am in the second grade. I love my teacher. I have two brothers and one little sister, Loretta Lue. We will be pleased with what you bring us, but don't forget my little sister. I want a cowboy suit and a ball.

GARLAND DEAN TURNER

Willard, Ohio, Dec. 12, 1939

Dear Santa:

Just a few lines to let you know what I want for Christmas.

I would like for you to bring me a doll buggy, a big doll with long curls, teddy bear, some books, a bicycle and lots of candy and fruit. I wish you good luck on your journey. I'll be six years old December 29th.

our little sweetheart,

BETTY J. OSBORNE

Lenox, Ky., December 19, 1939

Dear Santa:

As this is my first Christmas I really don't know what to ask for. I am 10 months old, have 10 teeth, black eyes and black hair, can say da, da and dog. My name is little Jimmie Adkins. Santa, I have a name sake at West Liberty, Jimmie Perry. Hope you visit all babies like me. Just bring me a rubber doll and a rattler to cut my teeth. So I remain Darling black eyes,

JIMMIE ADKINS

Lenox, Ky., December 19, 1939

Dear Santa:

We are two little girls and are sisters—Helen Gean has red curly hair, Edra June has black hair. We have been good girls and want you to come to our house. Please bring us a wrist watch, a doll, candy, apples and oranges and nuts. So Santa, I have a namesake at West Liberty. Her name is Edra Burton. I hope she remembers me with a present this Christmas. Please remember all other little girls and boys. From two black eyed little girls, EDRA JUNE AND HELEN GEAN ADKINS.

Redwine, Ky., December 19, 1939

Dear Santa:

I am just a tiny tot but have such darling blue eyes I know you will think me sweet. My mother and dad has me for a toy. I am 7 months old but have no teeth. Please bring me a teething ring, a rubber doll, and a big stick of candy. I will close, Am looking for you soon. From Blue eyes,

ARLINE MULLINS

Lenox, Ky., December 19, 1939

Dearest Santa:

As Christmas is drawing nigh I'll tell you what I want. A wrist watch, a set of embroidery hoops, a box of candies and plenty of fruit and candy.

I am a good little girl and go to school. Our teacher is Louise Johnston. We are planning a Christmas tree Friday, December 22. Hope you are there. Please Santa visit all little boys and girls. A merry Christmas to you and all. LENA MAE ADKINS

Middletown, Ohio, Dec. 18, 1939

Dear Santa Claus:

My address is 302 Harlan St., so I am writing you so you will not miss me. I am a little girl 6 years old. I like to go to school and also to Sunday school. I am looking for a Merry Christmas if you get here on time.

Please bring me a nice doll and a nice book that tells nice stories about girls and boys and bring anything that you think would please a little girl like me. And don't forget my little brother, Charles. He is crazy about horses. Bring him a toy horse. That sure will please him.

Your little friend,

DODOTHA ANNA